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April, 1928—CONSTRUCTION METHODS



EADMAN ISLAND"—a name fashioned for the pen of a Robert Louis Stevenson, bringing back the vivid picture of Long John Silver with his band of cut-throats digging deep for buried



"pieces of eight," to the refrain of "Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum." There has been a lot of digging done at Deadman Island, but it hasn't been for buried treasure—it's all been handled by big floating dredges to provide foundations for some concrete locks that the U. G. I. Contracting Co. is building for the Government in the Ohio River, a few miles from Pittsburgh. Nevertheless, there has been adventure, and plenty of it, in this job -the thrill of fighting the river when it goes on a rampage and floods the big cofferdam within which Resident Superintendent George S. Lamphere and his construction crew are carrying on. There's a picture story on the Deadman Island work beginning on p. 6. ans

"A FOOL THERE WAS," sang Kipling, and possibly if he had told his story against a construction background he might have immortalized some operator of a crawler tractor instead of the victim of the original Vampire. Anyway, tractor operators do some foolish things with the machines they pilot. Of course, this doesn't apply to the field men who have demonstrated their intelligence by subscribing to "Construction Methods," but for the other fellows "Don'ts for Tractor Operators," beginning on p. 28, carries a number of practical suggestions that should make obsolete the report "Laid up for repairs." You can't blame a tractor for quitting when its ignition line is short-circuited by a tobacco tin, when its magneto is taken apart and put together again with a few parts left over, or when its bearings receive a mud bath instead of a shot of lubricant. In the picture story this month there are other practical hints on how to keep the tractor running. Possibly you can suggest additional "Don'ts"—in picture form, of course.

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WATER WORKS subjects will be emphasized in the June number, appearing at the time of the annual convention of the American Water Works Association.

PERSONALITIES-School has its three R's and construction its three M's: Methods, Machinery, and Men. Up to date we have been putting into the pages of Construction Methods a good deal of information about Methods and Machinery. This month there's something new in the form of a page about the Men of the construction industry. It runs under the head "Present and Accounted For-" and its purpose is described in the subhead "A Page of Personalities from the Construction Field." It's all about construction men who are doing something interesting. Maybe, among your friends, there's a candidate for this page. If so, the Editor would like to hear about him.

A CONTRACTOR who relied on a wornout crane to feed the central mixing plant on a rush job was forced to see his plant stand idle for two weeks when the veteran machine suffered a stroke of complete paralysis. Portable mixers kept the job going until a new crane could be shipped. It is not the machines, but the delays, that constitute the heaviest expense.

HIGH-HATTING OPPORTU-NITY—They say that a New York man won a bet once by standing at the corner of Wall Street and Broadway with a tray full of real twenty-dollar gold pieces which he offered for sale at a dollar apiece. There were no takers! You construction men, too, are highhatting OPPORTUNITY by letting pictures of your jobs, showing interesting, novel, practical applications of methods or equipment, gather dust in your files instead of mailing them to the Editor of Construction Methods

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for the Monthly Photographic Contest. There are three prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 every month for the best construction photos. New contest conditions make it unnecessary for you actually to take the pictures yourself. It's O.K. to submit photos for the contest provided you're regularly employed on the job illustrated. The prize plums for the May contest are now ready to be picked. Read the contest conditions on p. 23 and then—

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OMING—Among the picture stories scheduled for early public ation in "Construction Methods" are: Reconstructing High Bridge over Harlem River, New York; The Conowingo Dam; Roofing Methods and Materials for Industrial Buildings.

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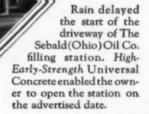
On Wednesday this concrete foundation at Braddock, Pa., was completed. On Friday the machinery was set in place. On Saturday foundation and machinery were ready for ser-

vice. High-Early-Strength Universal Concrete was

The grandstand at Hibbing, Minn., required extensive form work. By using High-Early-Strength Universal Concrete the contractor was able to strip forms quickly and re-use them more often.

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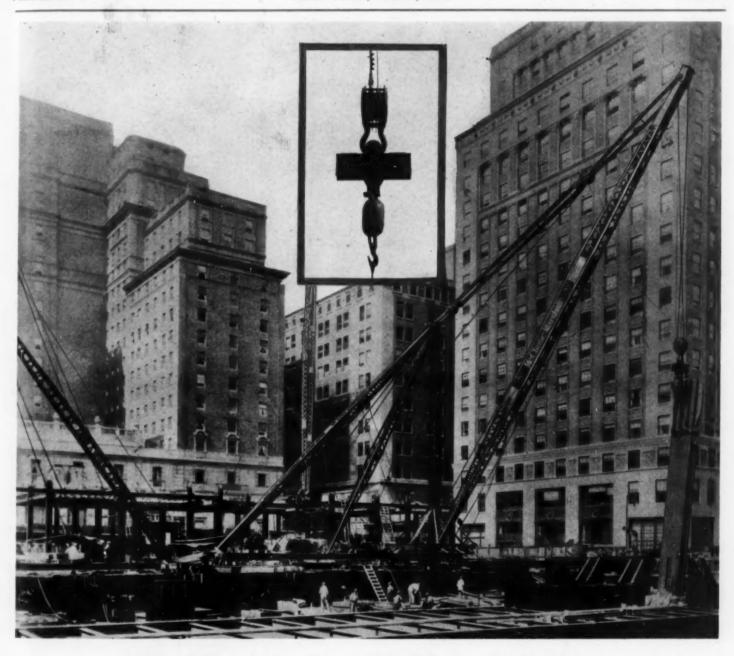
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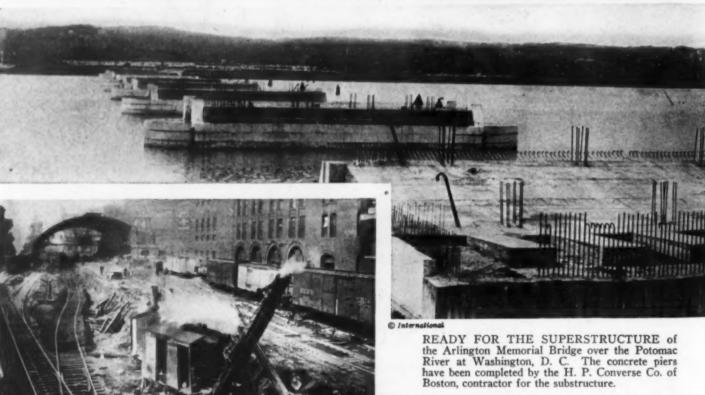
### Big Derrick Sets 54-Ton Columns

NE of the largest derricks ever built was used on the steel for the New York Central building in New York. It is a stiff-leg derrick, with 50-ft. mast and 100-ft. boom, and has a capacity of 60 tons at 98-ft. ra-

dius. Total weight of the rig is 25 tons. The derrick is owned by McClintic-Marshall Company of New York. On

the New York Central job, M. L. Carpenter, superintendent, reported that he handled 54-ton columns at 88-ft. radius of the boom without experiencing any trouble. The derrick, powered with 100-hp. General Electric motor, was made by the American Hoist & Derrick Company, which also built the hoist used with it.





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TRACK DEPRESSION work for the new twin viaduct at the Union Station, Atlanta, Ga., a Brooks-Callaway Company job.

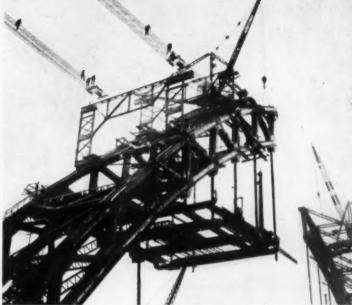
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BERLIN BUILDS SUBWAY by open cut method. Here is the concreting plant that German construction men are using on a section of the Tempelhof route.

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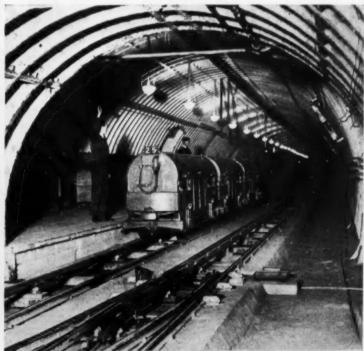
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BRIDGING THE TYNE (above). How English constructors are handling the erection of the big steel span that will link Newcastle and Gateshead.



PARIS FLOODS THREATEN. French constructors draft construction equipment and materials into emergency service to stem rising waters



LONDON SUBWAY WITHOUT PASSEN-GERS! Initial trip, Feb. 8, of automatically controlled electric train in new mail-carrying tube from Paddington to Whitechapel.

of the River Seine.

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### Contractor Fights Floods in Building

N CONSTRUCTING a pair of concrete locks for a dam (to be built under a later contract) in the Ohio River at Deadman Island near Sewickley, Pa., the U. G. I. Contracting Co., of Philadelphia, is handling a \$2,000,000 job involving all of the problems inherent in heavy construction of this type, in addition to the hazard of having the entire work flooded when the river goes on a rampage.

The contract, as shown in the sketch herewith, includes a land wall (1,936 ft. long), middle wall and river wall, all of concrete, forming two lock chambers 600x110 ft. and 365x56 ft. respectively, for large and small boats. For the contractor, G. W. Maxon, resident engineer in charge, started work by constructing a cofferdam wall of the timber-box type 20 ft. wide, filled in with sand and gravel dug from the river bed. Before the 13-acre in-

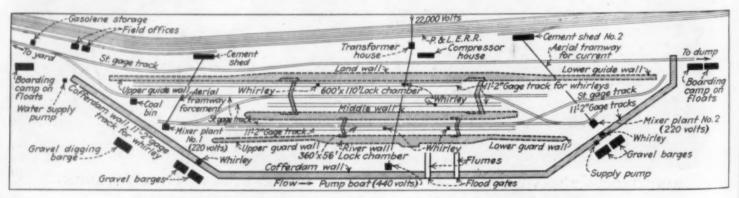
closure, 2,000 ft. long by 300 ft. wide,

was unwatered, floating dredges made

IN CHARGE for the contractor. George S. Lamphere (right) erecting engineer, with his superintendent, A. G. Brumitt.

the cuts for the middle and outer lock walls. The excavated material was used either for cofferdam construction or deposited at points suitable for reclaiming later as sand and gravel for concrete aggregate. For the land wall, at the base of a steep hill carrying the main line tracks of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, the excavation was carried on within a sheetpile shored

After the excavation had progressed, the cofferdam wall was closed, and the area within unwatered by a pump boat equipped with five 12-in. Morris centrifugal units each operated by a 75-hp. electric motor and each having a capacity of 5,000 gal. per minute. Timber cribbing was placed to carry the pump boat hull as the water level in the cofferdam was lowered. With one or more of the pumping units in operation, this equipment keeps the inclosure dry and also is ready, at all times, for the emergency work of unwatering the construction area when



PLANT LAYOUT and trackage system within the cofferdam, showing location of the two concrete mixing plants and tracks for dinkeys and whirley cranes.



### Deadman Island Locks Within Cofferdam

the river, as it has done several times, overflows the cofferdam walls. In its present stage, with excavation completed, the job is essentially one of mixing and placing mass concrete in the lock walls. In all, the work requires the placing of 120,000 cu.yd. of concrete and 280,000 cu.yd. of excavation.

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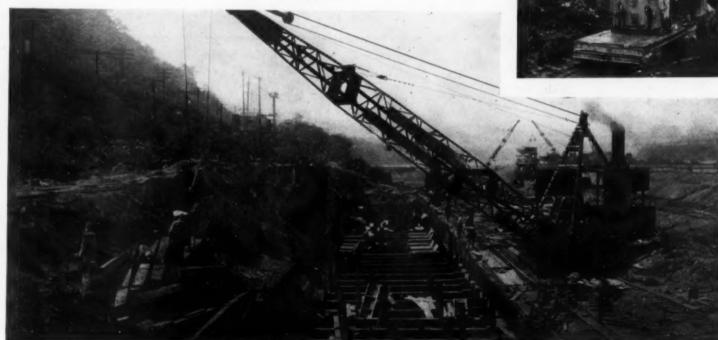
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The cofferdam area is served by two systems of trackage, one of standard-gage for industrial locomotive haulage and the other of 11-ft. 2-in. gage for a fleet of Wiley whirley steam-operated cranes mounted on wheels.

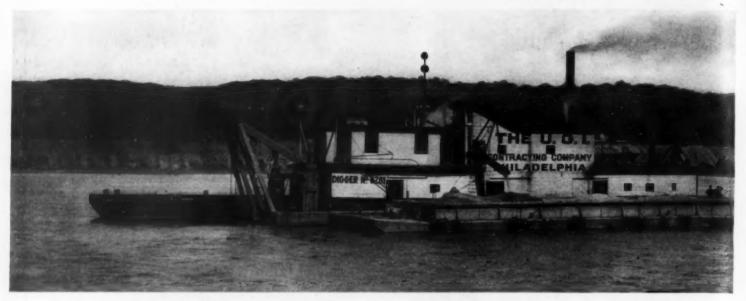
AT EACH end of the cofferdam the contractor has established a central concrete mixing plant comprising a 2-yd. electrically operated Smith mixer receiving measured batches of aggregate and cement from Blaw-Knox overhead steel bins. A large floating dredge in the river supplies sand and gravel for the concrete. It delivers on to scows which are moved up under the booms of the Whirley cranes on the cofferdam walls and unloaded by clamshell bucket either to stock piles or direct to the mixer bins. Only a small amount of

A 2-YD. BUCKET (below) of concrete on its way from flat car to lock wall.





THE LAND WALL excavation at the base of a steep hillside involved a deep, heavily timbered trench protected by steel sheet piling.



aggregate is stocked, for in case of flood it is washed away and lost.

Cement is received at two sheds along the railroad tracks on the hillside (one for each mixer) and transported to the mixers in special buckets by aerial tramways spanning the width of the cofferdam inclosure.

From each of the mixers 2-yd. batches are dumped into Stuebner

buckets and transported on flat cars by standard-gage gasoline industrial locomotives to points from which the buckets are picked up by whirley cranes and delivered to the forms. Operations are now progressing under the direction of George S. Lamphere, successor, as resident engineer, to Mr. Maxon, following his promotion to the position of field supervising engineer. A. G. Brumitt is superintendent.

As the work is located at the foot of a steep hillside, yard space could be procured only on a narrow, filled bank extending approximately ½ mile upstream from the job. This called for standard-gage equipment from yard into the cofferdam.

An interesting feature of the job is



FORMS in place for the land wall of the locks, with cranes (in background) which handled the concrete in 2-yd. buckets delivered on flat cars by gasoline locomotives.



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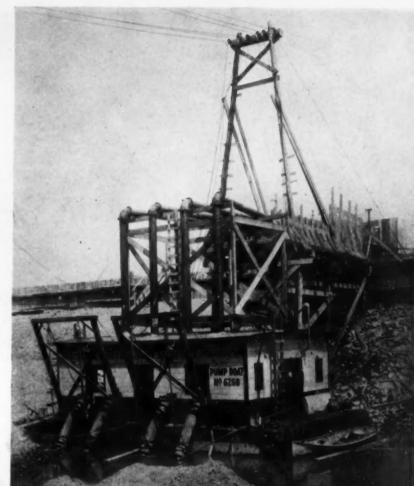
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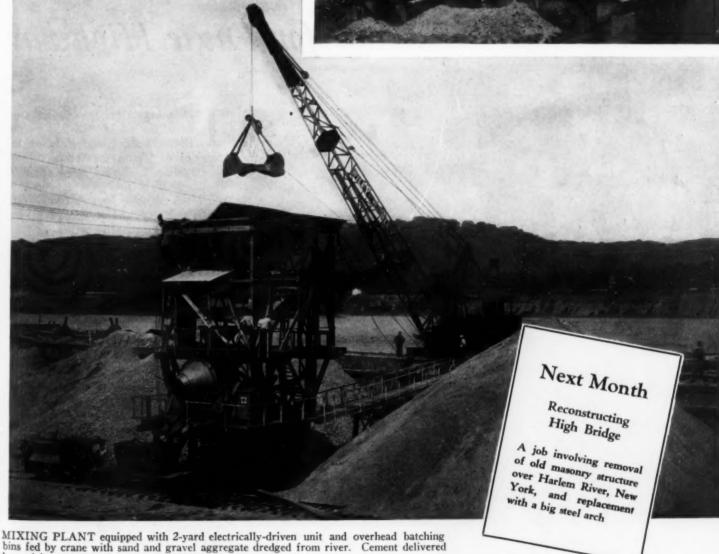
DIGGER BOAT (left) which helped to excavate cofferdam area and then kept mixer plants supplied with sand and gravel dredged from river bed.

FOR UNWATERING the cofferdam (right) there's a pump boat with five 5,000-gallon-perminute electrically-driven centrifugal units.

the housing and feeding of 350 men in floating camps on barges.

Deadman Island locks are being constructed for the federal government under the supervision of Major Jarvis J. Bain, Corps of Engineers. For the U. G. I. Contracting Co. W. L. Chewning, vice-president, has general administrative control over construction.





by aerial tramway.

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TAKING A BITE out of the rocky Tennessee mountainside with one of the ten power shovels on the job.



JOHN S. DEMPSTER, general superintendent and one of the five brothers of the Dempster organization.



M. D. PATTESON, resident engineer, who formerly built highways in Mexico.

# 10 Power Shovels for Dixie Highway



INCLINED RUNS, with steam hoists to handle the cars serving the shovels, are used in many of the cuts and fills.

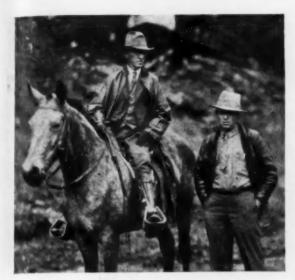
LOADING UP one of the dinkey-hauled trains of side-dump cars on a steep sidehill.

To CARVE out a brand new route for an 18-mile link of the Dixie Highway along the mountainsides of Tennessee the Dempster Construction Company, of Knoxville, Tenn., holding the general contract, and M. A. Wheeler, with a subcontract for 6½ miles of the line, recognized the need of a large quantity of heavy equipment and assigned to the job 10 power shovels, 11 air compressors, 7 well-drill rigs, 15 pumps and 8 concrete mixers, in addition to the necessary dinkey locomotives, tractors and motor trucks.

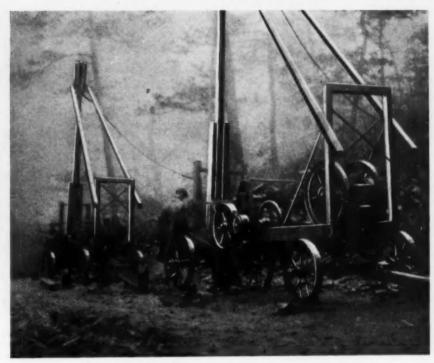
The work is mostly along steep slopes and the grading consists principally of sidehill casting. Of 600,000 cu.yd. of excavation involved, about 300,000 cu.yd. is rock. Gray and brown sandstone are the principal varieties, with a great deal of shale, slate and limestone. Cuts run as deep as 50 ft. on the high side of the route. The link is entirely new location.

Steam shovel sizes vary from \(\frac{1}{4}\) to 1\(\frac{1}{4}\) cu.yd. On the 12 miles at the south end the Dempster company is using 7 shovels; M. A. Wheeler is keeping three shovels, all of \(\frac{1}{4}\)-cu.yd. capacity, busy on his 6\(\frac{1}{2}\)-mile section. Not all these shovels were brought in at the

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J. B. SMITH (on horseback), bridge superintendent and N. L. Coiner, junior engineer for state highway department.



WELL-DRILL RIGS put down the holes for some of the big blasts needed to grade the right-of-way.

# Grade 18-Mile Link Through Mountains

start. The number was increased as roads were opened to get the new-comers into working position.

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Both gravity runs and dinkeys are used in the cuts and fills. Steam hoists and cables return the cars to the shovels when the gravity method is employed. The 18-ton locomotives generally haul four 5-cu.yd. cars.

Well-drilling rigs, with 4 to 6½ in. bits, put down the holes for heavy blasts in through cuts and sidehill cuts. Holes are drilled on 10-ft. centers to 2 ft. below grade. One row is placed 1 ft. back of the ditch line. This row is the only one needed on many sidehill blasts. Pieces of rock too large for the shovel to handle are drilled and broken.

#### BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

Five bridges and numerous culverts are included in the project. Many of the culverts are on steep slopes. The photographs show the construction of several of these structures. Riser blocks on the tops and bottoms of steep culverts are standard in Tennessee; they are named "skid blocks" by the men on the job, as their purpose is to prevent slips of the fill. Diversion dams are used to good effect



ON HEAVY GRADES three loaded cars make a train-load for one of the steam dinkeys.

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A Few Items of **EQUIPMENT INVENTORY** 

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Sullivan, 310 cu.ft. Sullivan, 220 cu.ft. Sullivan, 600 cu.ft. Ingersoll-Rands O.K. Clutch & Mehy.

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9 Ingersoll-Rands 4 Sullivans 1 Chi. Pneumatic

14 Units

Drill Sharpeners

2 Sullivan

Well Drill Bigs

7 Fergusons

Dump Wagons 10 Wagons

9 Camerons (steam) 2 Jumbo 1 Fuller & Johnson 3 Diaphragm

15 Units

Mixers
2 Smiths (2 bag)
5 Jaegers (1 Bag)
1 Ideal (1 bag)

8 Units

Holsts 3 American 1 Clyde

4 Unite

Dinkeys 2 Davenport (18-ton)

16 Koppel (5-yd.) 2 Western (5-yd.)

Tractors
3 Caterpillars

Trucks

2 Macks 4 Ruggles

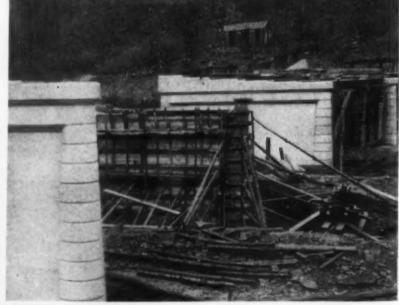
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STRIPPING FORMS on one of the piers for the Hickory Creek concrete bridge. Bent tops are stepped to provide superelevation, as roadway is on curve.

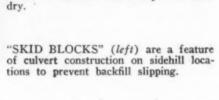
in the construction of the bridges; they obviate the need of cofferdams for the piers.

John S. Dempster, one of the five Dempster brothers in the construction organization bearing their name, is in general charge of the work. Assisting him are O. C. Calvert, assistant superintendent, and

J. B. Smith, bridge superintendent. M. A. Wheeler is directing operations on his subcontract. For the Tennessee Department of Highways and Public Works, of which C. N. Bass is commissioner, M. D. Patteson, resident engineer, is in charge, assisted by N. L. Coiner and G. S. Higgs.



WOOD FORMS for the concrete bridge piers which are carried to 16 ft. below stream bed level without use of coffer-dams. Diversion dams kept the hole



# Who's Getting the Big Contracts?

A Monthly Guide to Where the Construction Dollar is Being Spent

Pacific Coast

Pacific Coast
Longview, Wash.
Bridge: Est. \$5,000,000
Strauss Eng. Corp., Engrs
Chicago, Ill., Olympic Constr.
Co. and Hart Constr. Co.
Longview
San Francisco, Calif.
Power plant: \$4,000,000
McClellan & Junkersfeld, Inc.
68 Trinity Place, New York
Los Angeles, Calif.
Road improvement: \$578,331
E. L. Fleming, P. O. Box 717,
Glendale, Calif.
Sacramento, Calif.
Theatre: \$750,000
Campbell Constr. Co., 800 R
St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Campbell Constr. Co., 808 R
St.
San Francisco, Calif.
Hotel: \$750,000
K. E. Parker, South Park St.
Huntington Park, Calif.
Furniture factory: \$200,000
C. L. Peck, Inc., 721 H. W.
Hellman Bidg., Los Angeles
Los Angeles, Calif.
Hotel, library, etc.: \$675,000
W. G. Reed, 254
Ave., Long Beach
Los Angeles, Calif.
Garage and Sales: Est. \$600,000
Lynch-Cannon Eng. Co.,
Chapman Bidg.
Eugene, Orc.

Chapman Bldg.

Eugene, Ore.

Machine shop: \$250,000
H. E. Wilder, Eugene
Hermosa Beach, Calif.
Paving: \$303,265
Johnson & Sons, 4183 South
Normandie Ave., Los Angeles.
Calif.

Los Angeles, Calif.
Office: \$794,284
Scofield-Twaits Co., 621 South
Hope St.
Fresno, Calif.
Ice plant: \$261,800
Lynch-Cannon Co., Chapman
Bldg., Los Angeles

### West of Mississippi

Corpus Christi, Tex.
Compress and storage plant:
Est. \$1,250,000
A. S. Bergendahl, Corpus
Christi

A. S. Christi

New Braunfels, Tex.

Power plant: \$1,500,000

United Gas & Improvement
Co., c/o Comal Power Plant,
New Braunfels

Houston, Texas

Store and office: Est. \$3,000,000

Hewitt Constr. Co., 532

Bankers Mortgage Bldg.,

Houston

Boling, Tex.
Sulphur plant: \$2,000,000
Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.,
owner and builder, 41 E.
42nd St., New York
Milwaukes, Wis.
Subway and elevated line: \$4,000,000
Milwaukes, Electric, Ry. 6

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co., 217 Michigan St., own forces

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Montesuma, Ia.
Roads: \$473,356
W. Horrabin Constr. Co., 15
East College St., Iowa City
Springfield, Mo.
Dam: Est. \$500,000
Burnip Constr. Co., 568 E.
Broad St., Columbus, O.
Lincoln, Nebr.
State Capitol Building: \$1,049,-

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Peter Kiewits & Sons Co., 908
Omaha Nat'l Bank Bldg.,
Omaha, Nebr.
Tulsa, Oklah.
Hotel: Est. \$900,000
Manhattan Constr. Co., Court
Arcade Bldg.

Highways: \$2,603,615

W. Horrabin Constr. Co., Iowa City, Ia. (\$658,374), Johnson, Drake & Piper, Minneapolis, Minn. (\$646,703), and others

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#### The MAN and the JOB

ON THIS PAGE Construction Methods lists some of the high-spot jobs for which important contracts have recently been let.

If you are looking for an opening in new territory, the information on this page may be of help in indicating where construction is active.

The contracts listed are, of course, only a few of the total number recently let. You may wish to ask about others. If so, address your inquiries to:

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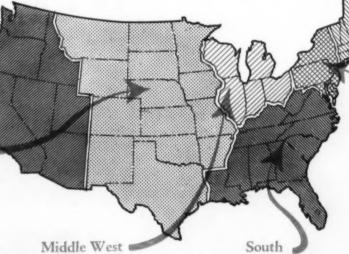
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Piling and excavation, A. H.
Newman & Co., 519 Hubbell
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City, Mo.
Office: Est. \$1,750,000
Swenson Constr. Co., Shubert
Bldg.
St. Louis, Mo.
Warehouse: Est. \$2,000,000
Starrett Bros., Inc., 101 Park
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Evanston, III.
High school: Est. \$400,000
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Apartment and store: Est. \$1,-

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Trimmer-Nydele Co., 111 West Washington St.
Club: Est. \$2,500,000
Thompson-Starrett Co., 104
South Michigan Ave.
Hospital: Est. \$2,000,000
G. A. Fuller & Co., 140 South
Dearborn St., Chicago
Office and store: \$2,500,000
Dilks Constr. Co., 160 N. La
Salle St., Chicago
Cleveland, Ohie
Bridge: Est. \$2,000,000
Hecker-Moon Co., 8701 Union
Ave., Cleveland
Illinois
Bridges: \$793,426
Stein Constr. Co., 425 E.
Water St., Milwaukee, Wis.
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Clncinnati, O.
Factory: \$400,000
Roos-Meyer-Hecht, 2824 Stanton St.
Michigan
Highway: \$448,617
Lewis & Frisinger, Ann Arbor Indianapolis, Ind.
Hospital: Est. \$500,000
L. Colvin, Continental Bank
Bldg.

St. Marys, W. Va. Bridge: Est. \$1,500,000 General Constr. Co., Columbia Bank Bidg., Pittsburgh, Pa. Steel to American Bridge Co., 208 S. La Salle St., Chicago,

III.

Atlanta, Ga.
Temple: \$2,000,000
C. A. D. Bayley & Co., Inc.,
C. & S. B. Bldg.
Winston-Salem, N. C.
Theatre: Est. \$1,000,000
J. P. Pettyjohn & Co., 212
Sth St., Lynchburg, Va.
Louisville, Ky.
Sewers: \$279,000
W. E. Callahan Constr. Co.,
Arcade Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
Louisville, Ky.

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Louisville, Ky.
Bank and office: Est. \$500,000
St. Louis Bank Bldg. & Equipment Co., 900 Sidney St., St.
Louis, Mo.
North Carolina
Highway: \$288,909
Stearns Bros., Inc., States-

ville
Raleigh, N. C.
Apartment hotel: \$414,800
J. W. Hudson, Jr., Tarboro
Tennessee
Paving: \$1,759,895
Nat'l Constr. Co., Jacksonville,
Fla. (\$571,952), J. R. Feigel
& Co., Evansville, Ind. (\$283,-751) And others

New England

Massachusetts
Highways: \$224,637
Interstate Highway Constr.
Co., 200 Hancock St., Quincy
Connecticut
Highways: \$1,200,085 (Total)
New Haven Constr. Co., 70
Hill St., New Haven, Conn.
(\$331,401)
L. Suzio Constr. Co., Brook
and State Streets, Merican

And others Cranston, R. I. Warehouse, Bakery, etc.; Est. \$750,000

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Warehouse, Bakery, etc.; Est.
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Long Constr. Co., 479 Atlantic Ave., Boston
Worcester, Mass.
Nurses home: \$397,748
J. W. Bishop Co. 109 Foster
St. (general contract)
Swampsoott, Mass.
Apartment: \$550,000 (Est.)
Duncan Constr. Co., 2 Market
St., Lypn, Mass.
Providence, R. I.
Store: £st. \$200,000
B. Hunt, archt., 32 Westprinster St., separate contracts
Massachusetts
Bridge: \$167,500
General Constr. Co., Inc.,
Bath, Me.
Roxbury, Mass.
Apartment: \$250,000
B. Swartz, 77 Greenwood St.,
Dorchester, by day labor
Norwalk, Comp.
Factory: Est. \$70,000
Hewlett Co., 886 Main St.,
Bridgeport

Middle Atlantic

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New York, N. Y.

Stores and loft: \$1,800,000

Alan Realty Co., Bark & Djarup, archts., 1351 Bway., separate contracts

Hotel: Est. \$20,000,000

Mack Kanner & J. S. Becker, 145 West 57th St.

Apartment: \$4,000,000

F. B. Hoffman, Jr., archt., 147

E. 51st St. Separate contracts

Hotel and stores: Est. \$3,000,000

Shroder & Kopel, 420 Lexington Ave.

Hotel and stores: Est. \$3,000,000
Shroder & Kopel, 420 Lexington Ave.
Loft: Est. \$1,200,000
Magoba Constr. Co., 271
Madison Ave.
Jamalea, N. Y.
Theatre: Est. \$1,000,000
Thompson Starrett Co., 250
Park Ave., New York
Brocklyn, N. Y.
Theatre: Est. \$1,200,000
Thompson Starrett Co., 250
Park Ave., New York
Brocklyn, N. Y.
Office and theatre: \$1,200,000
H. A. Hamilton, engr. and archt., 369 Lexington Ave., New York. Separate contracts
Mayview, Pa.
Home and hospital: \$1,576,726
Nicola Building Co. (\$1,234,-941), Penn and Denniston
Aves., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Pennsylvania, New Jersey
Bridge: \$1,007,545
Contr. 3. Dravo Contg. Co.,
Neville Island, Pittsburgh
East Orange, N. J.
Apartment: Est. \$1,000,000
Salmond & Scrimshaw & Co., 526 Elm St., Arlington
Long Island City, N. Y.
Distributing station and ware-house: Est. \$600,000
Barney Ahlers Constr. Co.,
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Pittsburgh, Pa.
Hotel: Est. \$2,000,000

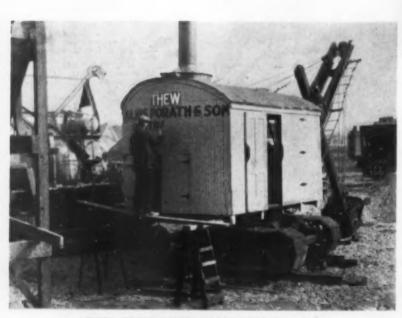
N. Y.
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Hotel: Est. \$2,000,000
F. T. Ley Co., 578 Madison
Ave., New York
Washington, D. C.
Hotel, auditorium and convention hall: Est. \$3,000,000
James A. Stewart & Co., 1420
New York Ave., N. W.



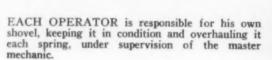
TAKING A SHORT REST. Back from different jobs for a tuning up, these Thew, Erie and Northwest shovels wait in the yards of Julius Porath & Son, city paving contractors of Detroit, Mich., for overhauling.

# Contractor Applies "Stitch in Time" Principle to Equipment

"EXCUSE OUR BACKS!" We've got to eat lots of oats to keep up with those noisy trucks and steam shovels. The boss doesn't use so many of us any more."



AFTER THOROUGH INSPECTION the shovel receives a new coat of paint before it goes back on the job.







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JUST A SMALL SQUAD of the fleet of 32 trucks used by the contractor. Skilled mechanics in the Motor Truck Department service them, and also repair all gasoline motors on tractors, air compressors, and paving mixers.

### A Tour of the Repair and Storage Yard Maintained by Julius Porath & Son of Detroit

TO KEEP the large amount of mechanical equipment used by the modern paving contractor in good running condition means merely the application of the old principle: "A stitch in time save nine." The

manner in which this is done by Julius Porath & Son of Detroit, Mich., is shown in the accompanying pictures of that organization's storage and repair yard activities.

In addition to overhauling their power shovels every year, the contractors provide immediate repair service by keeping on hand a large stock of parts. The shovels are carried to and from jobs by two large trailers which, together with all trucks, pavers, mixers, compressors and other gasoline motor equipment, are maintained by the motor truck department.

The mixer department takes care of

fourteen small concrete mixers used to supplement three 27-E pavers doing most of the heavy work. Under the head of general maintenance is included upkeep on six gasoline locomotives used for hauling concrete, repairing two tractors, one 10-ton and the other 2-ton, and revamping a lot of miscellaneous equipment.

Besides fixing up its own equipment, the Porath firm has allowed engineers and manufacturers to use its excellent yard facilities as a proving ground for innovations in road machinery, and some valuable improvements in design have resulted.





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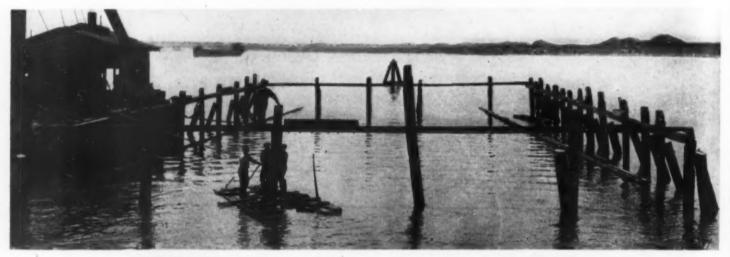
TRACTORS, MIXERS, GRADERS—all are kept constantly tuned up by the maintenance crew.

THE PAVERS, ALSO, go through a rigid examination and overhauling. Three Ransome 27-E machines are operated by the Porath organization.

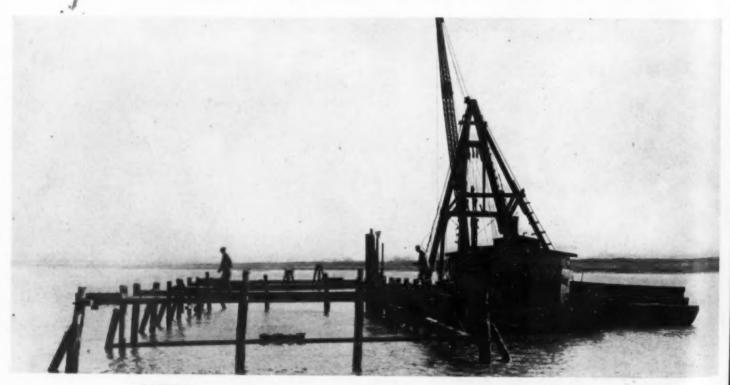


# Step-by-Step Building Cofferdams for

GEORGE A. FOLLETT, Superintendent (in the overcoat), H. N. Crichton, Resident Engineer and H. P. Converse, President of the contracting company. P. Converse & Company, contractors, of Boston, Mass., have used the method illustrated in the accompanying pictures to construct and unwater cofferdams. Piling is driven and excavation is completed before bracing is installed. Circumstances forced the use of this method in the first case; it proved so successful that it was adopted as regular practice by the or-



ROUND PILES to outline the cofferdam are driven approximately 1 ft. outside the line of sheeting. These piles are spaced 8 ft. apart and are later connected with three lines of walers to form a guide frame for the Lackawanna sheet piling.



DRIVING was started at one corner. A spirit level was used on each pile to keep the piling plumb.

# Field Methods Arlington Bridge Piers

ganization. It was this method, therefore, that the Converse Company applied to the building of the piers for the Arlington Memorial Bridge across the Potomac River in Washington, D. C.

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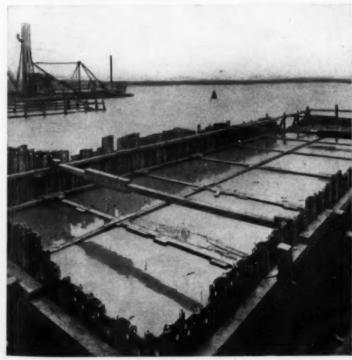
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The piers are founded on mudcovered rock at an average depth of 38 ft. below low water level. Irregularity of the rock surface increased the difficulty of producing watertight cofferdams. Under each pier variations in the subsurface elevation averaged about 10 ft.; at no place was a plane surface encountered. The piers are of concrete with granite facings to a point 3 ft. below low water and measure about 44 x 140 ft. in plan.

For the contractor George A. Follett is superintendent, with H. P. Converse also taking an active part in the field work of his organization. Col. U. S. Grant, 3rd, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., heads the Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission's forces, with Major J. C. Mehaffey supervising design and construction and H. N. Crichton, resident engineer. The consulting engineer is W. J. Douglas of New York.



THE SHEET PILES were set in the mud. At intervals a pile would be driven to rock and bolted to the waler. This pile supported the wall of sheeting and prevented sagging under wind or tide action.

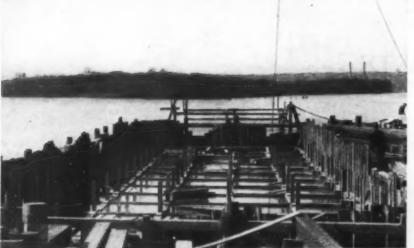


AFTER CLOSURE had been made, the piles were driven to rock and a partial set of bracing was framed at the surface to steady the piling while excavation was carried on.

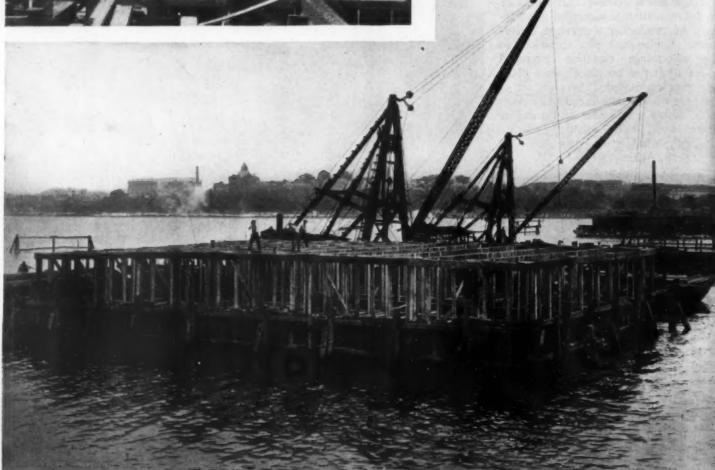


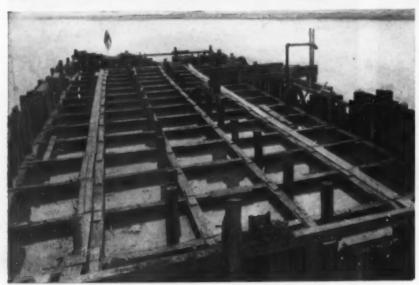
WHEN CLAMSHELL EXCAVATION had been completed, careful soundings were taken to determine high points of rock surface, and the partial set of bracing was filled in to form the bottom set of rectangular bracing for the cofferdam. The peaks in the rock surface established the elevation of the bottom set when sunk to position.

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VERTICAL POSTS (left) were erected on the bottom set to support the second set. The variation in heights of the tops of the piles shows the irregularity of the rock surface.





AS ADDITIONAL SETS (above) were built on, the frame sank under its own weight. Keeping piling plumb allows sets to be framed within 1 or 2 in. of sheeting. When the fourth set had been reached, sand bags were put on frame to sink it.

ON THE FIRST PIERS (left) round piles supported bracing during unwatering. On later piers vertical posts beneath the bottom, set by divers, supported load when water was pumped out. When cage of bracing had been sunk, it was held by bolting timbers to piles, using the pulling holes in the piles for this purpose. Piling was sealed at the bottom by grout.

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THIS LARGE CAGE of bracing was weighted at the center to prevent buckling caused by tide action. The sides were blocked against the walers of the guide frame.



BLOCKING under bottom set was placed and wedged by divers before the cofferdam was unwatered, and the bottom was cleaned with a pressure hose before the concrete seal was poured.



CONCRETE was poured in lifts up to the sets of bracing. After the bracing had been blocked up, the set next to the concrete could be removed. Thus, nothing but the blocking was left in the concrete.

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### Flexibility

FLEXIBILITY of control equal to that of a steam shovel enables the operator of the "Master" Gas to shake the dipper at will with a touch of the lever. The patented shock absorber at the base of the boom protects the cables from shock strain.

This independent cable crowd on the "Master" Shovel not only helps in dumping sticky material, but enables the dipper to hold a level grade in digging.

Extraordinary speed and power (90½ h.p. Hercules Engine on the 1 yd. machine, 107 h.p. on the 1¼ yd.) are backed up by unusually rugged construction. Direct drive to crowd, hoist and swing insures ample power for each operation.

We want you to compare the "Master" Gas Shovel on every point with other machines, then let your good judgment decide.

Wire or send the coupon for full information.

### THE BYERS MACHINE COMPANY RAVENNA, OHIO

Sales and Service Throughout the Country
Builders of the Bear Cat, ½ yard; the Bear Cat "Whirly,"
½ yard; the "Master" Shovels, 1 and 1½ yards;
and Massillon Steam Shovels.

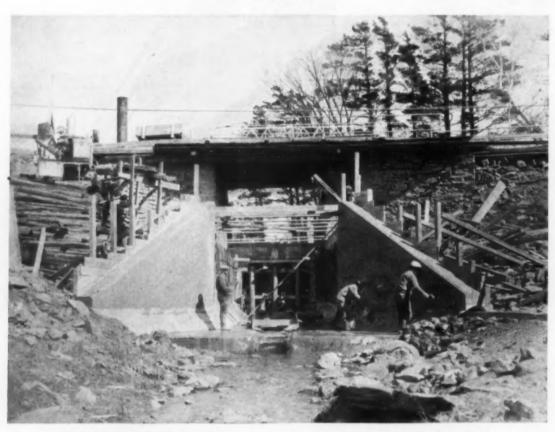
The patented shock absorber at base of boom takes shock strain off cables and greatly extends their life.



### This Month's Prize Winners

### First Prize \$2500

Won by GEORGE C. STANLEY, City Engineer and Superintendent of Streets, Burlington, Vt.



TRAFFIC WAS MAINTAINED on roadway while new concrete culvert was built between the crumbling stone masonry abutments of the old Potash Brook bridge in Burlington, Vt. Most of the concrete was poured at zero temperature; boiler furnished heat for mixing water and live steam for curing under canvas covers.



NEW CULVERT increases roadway width from 21 to 42 ft. It has a 9x11½-ft. cross-section and a barrel length of 100 ft. Roof and floor are 2 ft. thick and side and wing-walk 18 in.



BACKFILL COMPLETED after removal of old bridge. More than 6,000 cu.yd. of earth were required to bring the shoulders to grade. The total cost of this job was \$20,500.

### in the Photographic Contest



Second Prize

Won by F. C. HUFFMAN, Assistant Chief Engineer, Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., Chicago, Ill.

LARGEST AND HEAVIEST girder ever erected on the C. & N. W. Ry. for three-track span over Ashland Ave., Chicago. Girder is 100 ft. long and weighs 117 tone. For the realization of the control of the control of the realization of the control of the 117 tons. For the railway the job was done under the direction of W. J. Towne, chief engineer, assisted by O. F. Dalstrom, engineer of bridges, and J. S. Pole, assistant engineer, track elevation.

# Third Prize

Won by E. A. STANLEY, Resident Engineer, State Highway Board of Georgia, Thomasville, Ga.







METHODS AND RIG for driving Raymond stub concrete piles for the Ochlocknee River bridge in Thomas County, near Thomasville, Ga.

### Enter Your Photos for the May Contest

VERY month Construction Methods awards three prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 for the most useful, novel, and attractive pictures taken on

construction jobs.

New conditions for the contest, stated below, make it unnecessary for you actually to take the pictures yourself.

#### New Contest Rules

For the May contest, which closes April 9, the revised conditions are: Pictures must be submitted to Construction Methods, Tenth Avenue at Thirty-sixth Street, New York City, by a man regularly employed on the job, even though he may not have taken the pictures himself. The pictures should be plainly marked "Photographic Contest."
Those received after April 9 will be entered in the June contest.

Water-works construction photos are

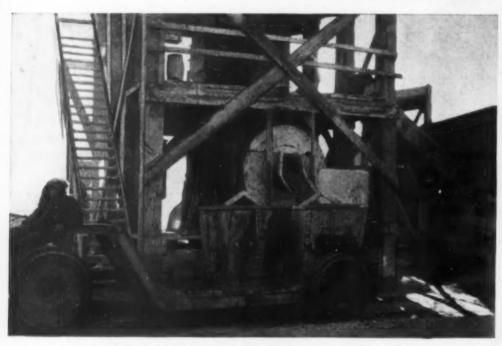
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## Getting Down to **DETAILS**

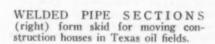
Close-up Shots of Job Methods and Equipment



FOR DELIVERING CONCRETE from mixer to forms for the Walnut St. Viaduct, Roanoke, Va., R. C. Churchill Co., Inc., used tractor-hauled trailers with underslung platform bodies to carry 1-yd. buckets.



SPECIAL CLAMP (above) holds 24-in. deep-well pipe casings in place while 30-ft. sections are welded with Oxweld acetylene equipment.





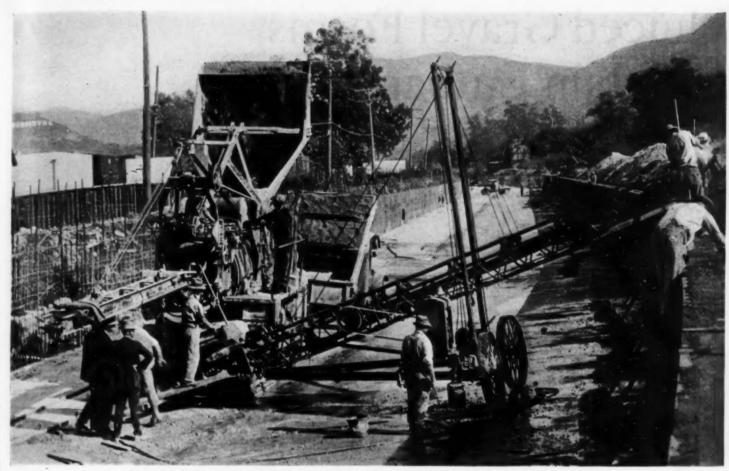
TALLEST MATERIAL ELEVATOR. On Bankers Trust Building in Chicago, Dilks Construction Company erected American Tubular Elevator 442 ft. high, with base starting at fifth floor of 42-



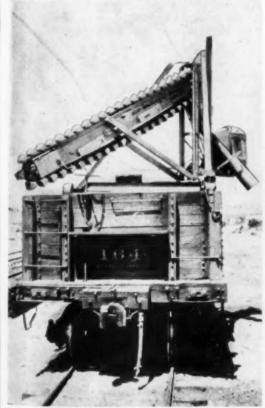
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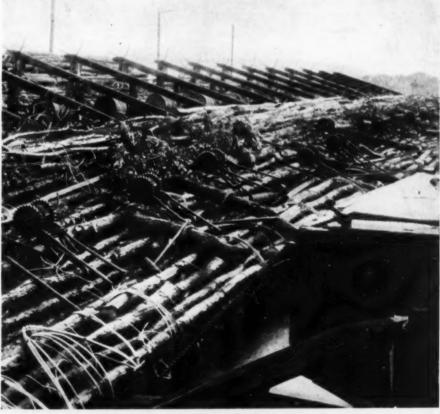


CREDIT THE BELT CONVEYOR WITH AN "ASSIST." With the baseball season just starting, this play might be described as: "Concrete 'out,' mixer to conveyor to forms." The layout shows how the Roche Axman Company, contractor, used a Foote paving mixer, delivering to hopper on conveyor, to concrete the 8-ft. high wall of a 3,400-ft. flood control channel for Los Angeles County, Calif.



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FOR UNLOADING open-top cars of sand and gravel, this portable bucket-conveyor rig was devised by R. C. Rosenberg of San Francisco.



FRUIT OF THE CONSTRUCTOR'S LOOM—Barge specially equipped for weaving mattresses of logs and brush for river bank protection in Mississippi Valley. This photo, from Marshall Gray, senior draftsman, U. S. Engineer office, Louisville, Ky., wins \$10 prize.

# Sluiced Gravel Forms Main Embankment for Guernsey Dam

Diversion and penstock tunnels through rock are additional features of Wyoming power project

dam power development on the North Platte River in Wyoming for the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Utah Construction Company handled 345,000 cu.yd. of sluiced sand and gravel and loose rock for the main embankment of the 105-ft. high structure and 176,000 cu.yd. of rock excavation for diversion tunnel and approaches, power tunnel, shafts and spillway channels. The crest length is 560 ft. and the thickness at the base, 1,000 ft.

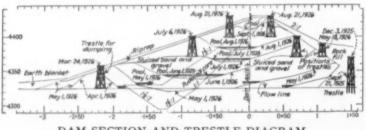
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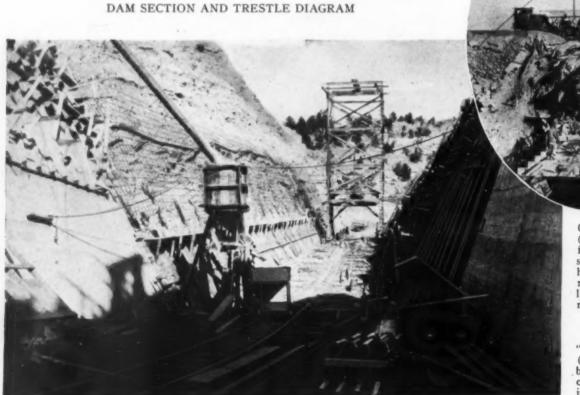
the material in the main section of the dam, the contractor drove two tunnels through rock, the longer or diversion tunnel with a 30-ft. horseshoe-shaped section and a length of 1,100 ft. for handling the flow of the river during construction, and the other 12 ft. in diameter, to serve as a penstock for the power plant built at the toe of the downstream slope. In addition, there were two spillway channels on the north and south ends of the dam and a cutoff trench 30 ft. deep across the old stream bed.

The contractor used the top heading

GUERNSEY DAM is a 100-ft. embankment of sand and gravel dumped from cars on trestles and sluiced to place.







CABLEWAY
(above) operated
from drums of ordinary
steam shovel, handles
hopper-bottom bucket
receiving concrete delivered by narrow-gage
railway.

"BABY BUGGY" (left), a movable timber tower, handles concrete for spillway lining.



DISCHARGING CONCRETE from cars into cableway bucket.



and bench method for the tunneling. and placed concrete lining behind forms in 20-ft. sections, handled by a traveling "jumbo." Cars running on trestles from a tower near the middle of the tunnel delivered the concrete in both directions.

For excavating the cutoff trench for the main dam, F. T. Crowe, superintendent for the contractor, revamped a Page dragline bucket for operation by a slack line cableway, as illustrated in the picture on p. 28.

With the cutoff trench finished and the diversion tunnel completed and carrying the water of the river, the contractor tackled the main job of building the embankment for the dam. He delivered the gravel and the sand from borrow pits 1,600 ft. away in cars hauled by dinkey locomotives operating on wooden trestles across the dam

site. Sand and gravel dumped from the cars on these trestles was sluiced to place with hydraulic giants. A puddled core at the center made the structure impervious. As the construction crew built up the fill, they set up new wooden trestles at higher elevations and repeated the operations already described. A combination of scraping and sluicing was effective in bringing rock fill near the crest of the dam down



SLUICING MATERIAL into place for main embankment. As fill rises, new trestles are built at higher elevations to carry trains of side-dump cars delivering gravel and sand from borrow pits.

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DRAGLINE BUCKET revamped by Super-intendent F. T. Crowe for operation with slack-line cableway. Used for excavating cutoff trench.

MOVABLE JUMBO handles forms for concreting the 30-ft. horseshoe-shaped diversion tunnel. Concrete is delivered by cars on track at top of jumbo.

to a 2:1 slope. The method involved the use of a steam hoisting engine on skids and a cable to a dump car on the trestle.

The mixing plant, with a 1-yd. machine, delivered 25,000 cu.yd. of concrete for the spillway lining, gate chambers, and other structures. A "baby buggy," illustrated on p. 26, consisting of a mobile timber frame-

work, helped speed up concreting progress on the spillway lining. The mixture arrived in 1-yd. cars which were raised by a hoist on the buggy to deliver into chutes leading to the forms. This mobile rig left an open track along the spillway floor.

Concrete placed at other points on the job involved the use of an improvised cableway operated from the

drums of an ordinary steam shovel, instead of a regular cableway hoist. This was one of the kinks that Superintendent Crowe developed on the Guernsey dam project (see Construction Methods, February, 1927, p. 20).

For the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, R. F. Walter, chief engineer, and F. F. Smith, construction engineer, supervised the job.



TRASH RACK at power intake and entrance to diversion tunnel.

# **DON'TS**

## for Tractor Operators

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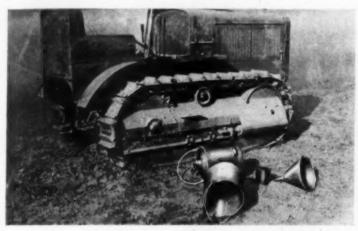
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Here are a few hints, in picture form, for the tractor operator who wants to eliminate lost time on the

of breakdowns and repairs, it's a total job. Every incident pictured has actually occurred, for the series is based on the field experiences of the Caterpillar Tractor Company's service



FUEL AND OIL CONTAINERS that are allowed to lie in the dirt introduce much grit into the bearings



A DIRT-COVERED oil gage on a tractor cannot be watched by the man who runs the machine.



LIGHTED LANTERNS and cigarettes are not the best companions when filling the fuel tank.



IN COLD WEATHER always drain the radiator when work stops or use anti-freeze compound.



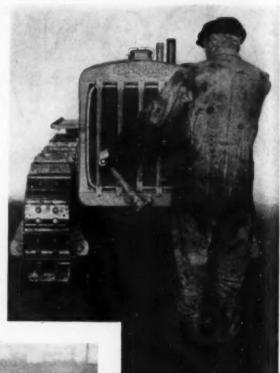
THE INSTRUCTION BOOK is made to read. It tells how to avoid many operating difficulties.



A RADIATOR, filled with straw or trash, cannot function properly to keep the tractor running.

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Tractor
Operators

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RIGHT — Standing this way the operator can crank the tractor without risk of broken bones even if it backfires.

WRONG — With faulty impulse starter or dirty distributor this stance for cranking may cause backfire and give the man a broken arm.

DON'T take the magneto apart, unless you are sure you know how to put it together.









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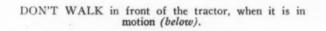
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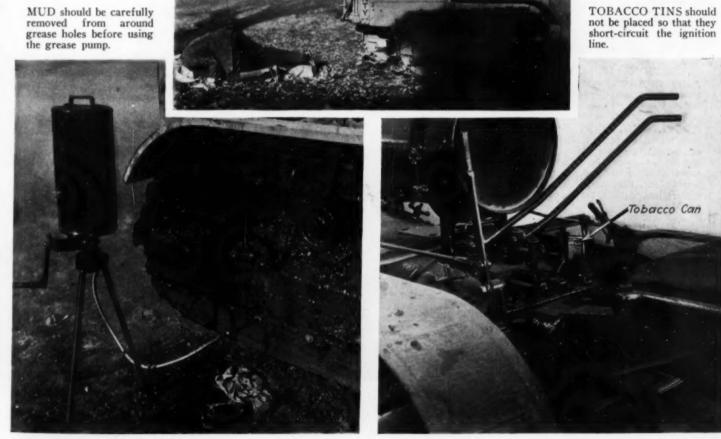




A TREE, with an overhanging limb, makes an excellent substitute for a "sky-hook."

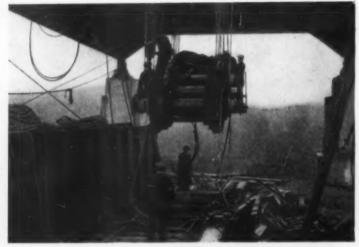
TURNING square around in soft plowed ground may cause damage to the machine.





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IT CAN BE DONE! Here's proof of the fallacy of the old theory about not being able to raise yourself by your own bootstraps. This hoist on the Outerbridge Crossing for the New York Port Authority is lifting itself to place on the bridge under its own power.



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THE FLORIDA HOUSEBOAT IDEA adapted to construction purposes in building the Tamiami highway through the Everglades. The bunkhouse and kitchen above the machine solve the living problem for the construction crew.

JOB ODDITIES

A Monthly Page of Unusual Features of Construction

If there's anything odd on your work, mail the Editor a snapshot of it.

SKYSCRAPER CHUTING TOWER delivered concrete for the Horse Mesa dam in Arizona (described in last month's issue). It's an Insley outfit, 340 ft. high, perched on the canyon side with its top 700 ft. above stream bed. It feeds about 1,000 ft. of inclined chute.



DIRECTION MONUMENT replaces ugly signs and billboards in showing tourists the way to a Los Angeles hotel.

ROBBING DAVY JONES' LOCKER with an orange-peel bucket which recovers sunken "treasure" of lead pigs which went to bottom of East River, New York, when scow foundered. A hose bath washes the mud from the "pieces of eight," before they are stacked for reshipment.



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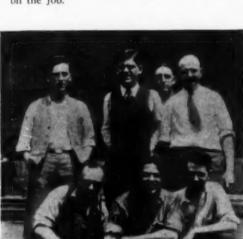


MAKING THE GRADE by means of a spiral roadway solved the problem of an otherwise lengthy approach to this bridge in Hastings. Minn.

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### A Page of Personalities From the Field of Engineering and Construction

H. B. RICHARDS (standing, at extreme right), superintendent for the John W. Cowper Co., contractors, of Buffalo, N. Y., and a few of his construction crew (below) and a tew of his construction crew (below) which won the Accident Prevention Award of the Associated Industries of New York State in competition with 634 firms. In building a rail mill at the Lackawanna plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co., Superintendent Richards hung up a perfect safety record for the Cowper organization—not a single day of lost time from accident or injury on the job. on the job.





J. F. DEXTER, president, Dexter Construction Co., Dallas, Texas, in front of the airplane which he operates regularly to carry him to points where contracts are advertised or under way. "I have found it advantageous," Mr. Dexter informs Construction Methods, "to use an airplane in making inspections of contracts and in supervising jobs. An airplane making an average speed of 100 miles are hours allowed to the contracts and in supervising to the contracts and in supervising in the contracts and in supervising speed of 100 miles are hours allowed to significant to the contracts and the contract to the contr miles per hour allows me to visit almost any point in the state in a day's time.





Koss Construction Company group in a South American setting far from company headquarters in Des Moines, Ia. The picture was taken in Peru where the company is building concrete roads and other structures. Left to right, the men are: Hugh Onstott,

grade foreman; John Steinhauer, mixer and road machinery engineer; Andres Parras Caceres, secretary and interpreter to President George W. Koss; Charles Mallory, concrete foreman; W. R. Ballard, resident manager; and H. M. Hedges, civil engineer.

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EDWARD FAY, 65-year old master riveter of New York City, who has completed half a century of construction work since

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Williamsburg Bridge, Trinity building and scores of other New York sky-scrapers. He is employed by the George A. Fuller Co. of New York.

## A Railway Bridge in the F

Building concrete and steel strunger on way to Hu



THE construction of the new line of the Canadian National Railway through northern Manitoba is being followed with keen interest, not only by Canadians, but by all others who are familiar with the project. If the new railroad succeeds in its purpose, it will provide an outlet to Hudson Bay for the great wheat sections of Canada.

What is probably the most northern steel and concrete bridge in Canada is on the new line about 70 miles from Port Nelson. This bridge, which will carry the railroad over the Limestone River, is about 430 ft. in length. It consists of four piers and two abutments supporting five girder spans, three of which are 90 ft. in length, the others measuring 80 ft.

THE STEEL will be supported on four concrete piers and two abutments. The forms had not been removed from one of the piers when these two photographs were taken.



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### e Far North

steel structures which will carry adian National across Limestone ay to Hudson Bay

The pictures which accompany this article were sent to Construction Methods by C. V. Hope, resident engineer on the job for the Canadian National Railway. They show the bridge in various stages of construction and give a good picture of the conditions under which the work must be carried on in northern Canada. In two of the pictures, the tents of the construction camp may be seen. During much of the time when the bridge was under way the ground was covered by snow. Needless to say, this materially added to the difficulties of the job.

The four photographs give a good idea of the design of the concrete part of the structure on which the erection of the steel superstructure will be completed this year.

ONE OF THE CONCRETE ABUT-MENTS is shown at the right. Below steel sheeting is being driven in frozen ground. Much of the work was carried on during the winter.





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## NEW EQUIPMENT ON THE JOB

#### New Shovel Performs on Rush Street Job

The shovel shown in the accompanying photograph is one of the new Massillon 35 Gas models being manufac-



tured by the Byers Machine Company of Ravenna, Ohio. It is owned by the Garaux Brothers Company of Canton, Ohio, and is shown doing a rush job of removing 7,000 sq.yd. of old brick paving for that city.

#### Diesel Engines for Small Mixers

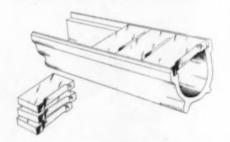
How to prevent the company fuel supply from being diverted to the gas tanks of private flivvers is a problem



that has puzzled more than one contractor. An unexpected solution of this difficulty was made recently by James J. Verluis, engineer in charge of waterworks construction for the city of Chicago, who conceived the idea of using Diesel engines on small mixers, and as a test job, a Marsh-Capron 7-S portable mixer was purchased without power plant and fitted in the city shops with a 6-hp. one-cylinder Hill Diesel engine. Since this engine operates on fuel oil or kerosene, the problem of the stolen gasoline has practically been solved, and what appear to be decided advantages of simplicity of operation have been obtained.

#### Underdrain Tile for Trickling Filters

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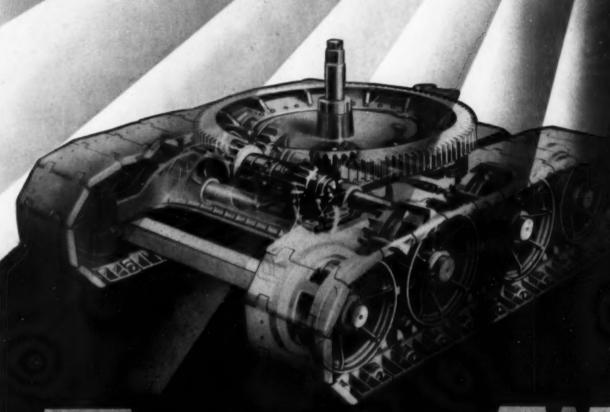
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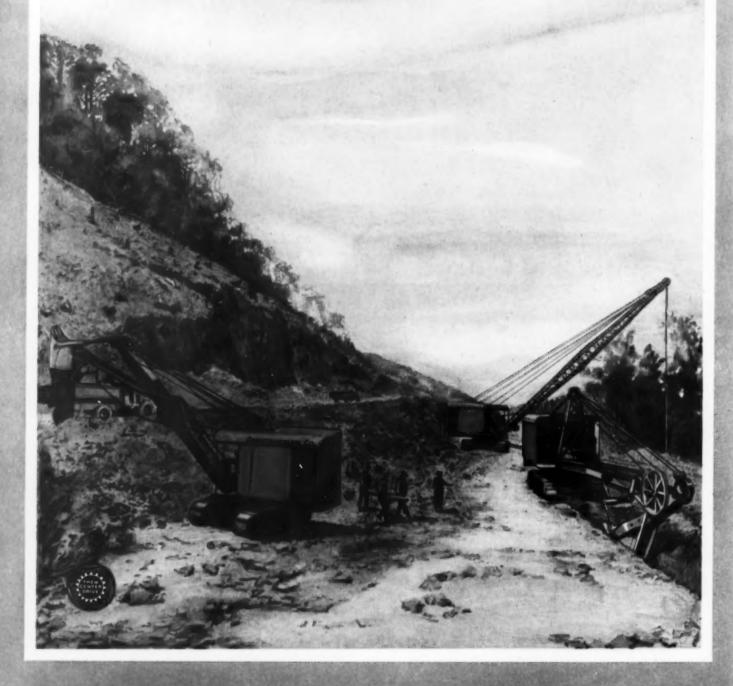
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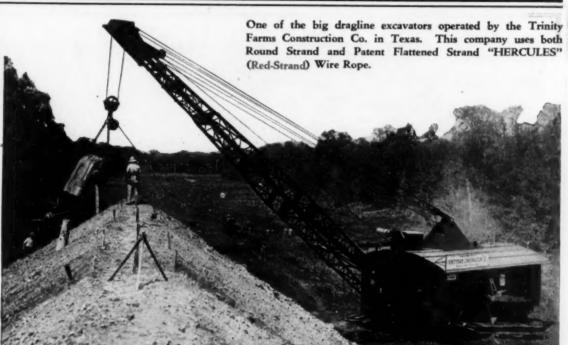
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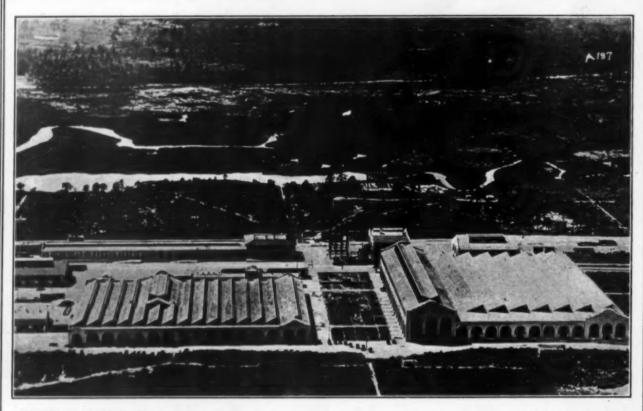
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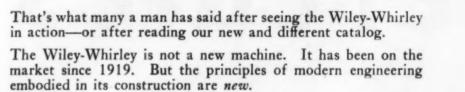
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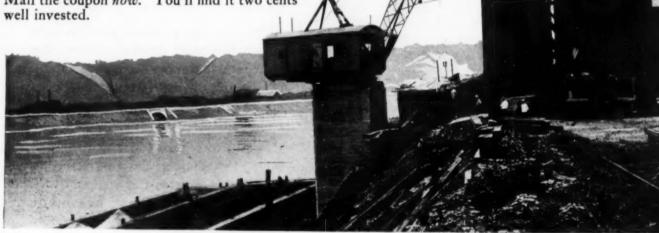


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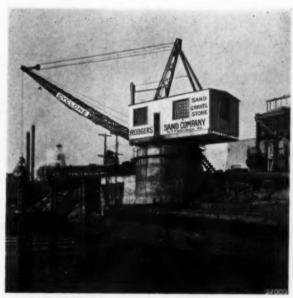




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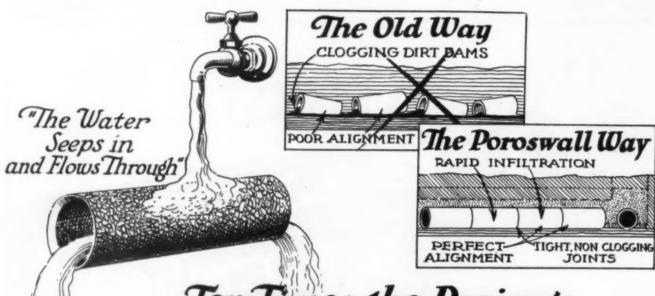


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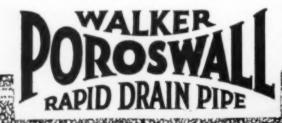
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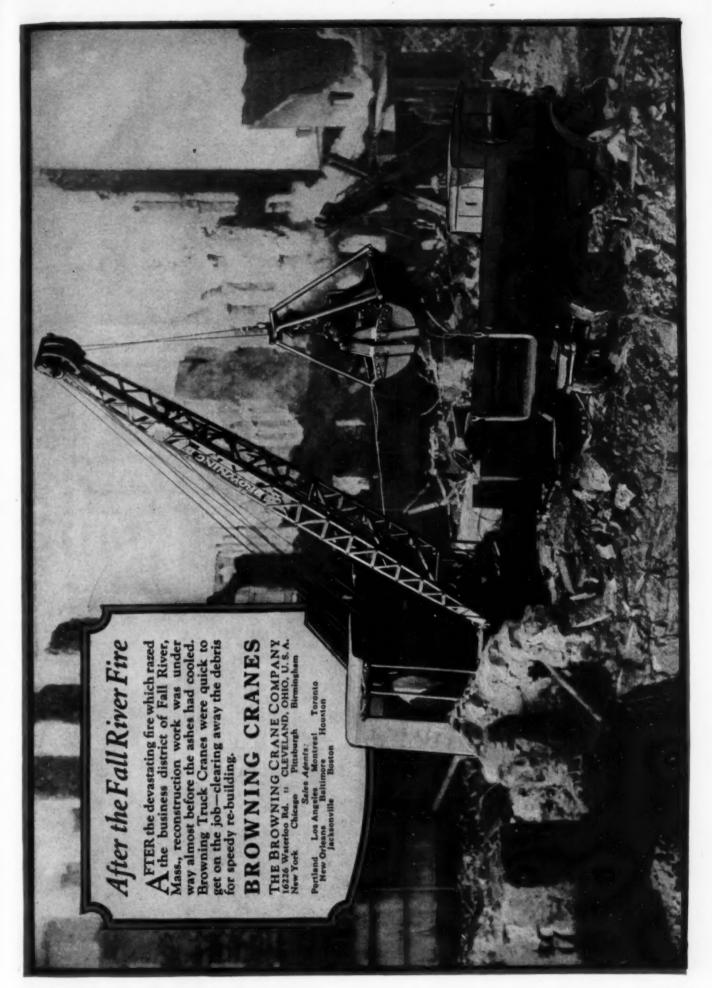
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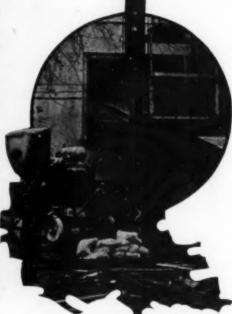
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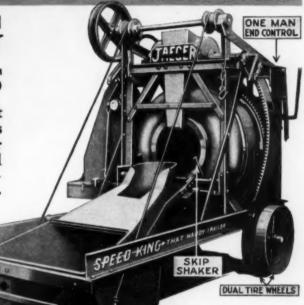
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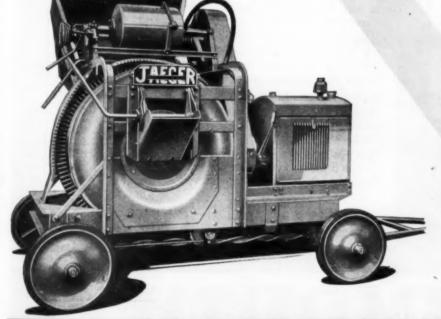
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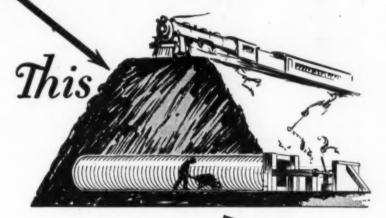
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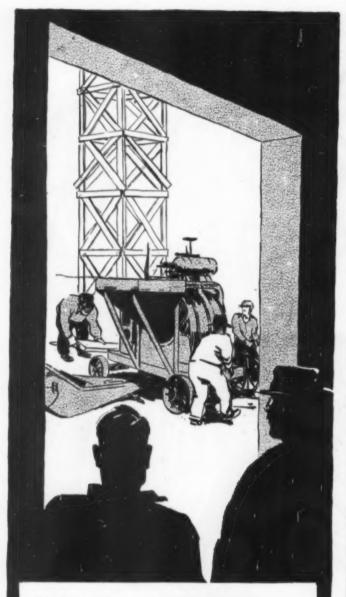
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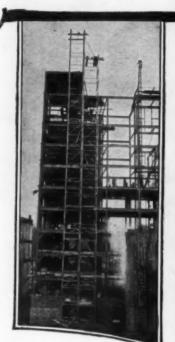
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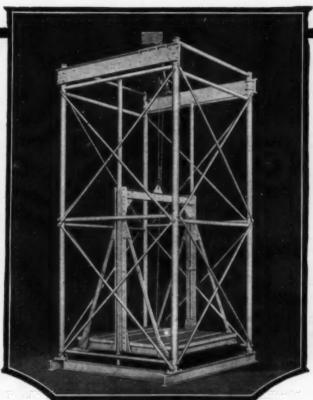
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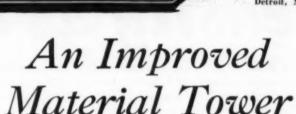
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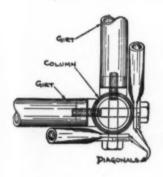
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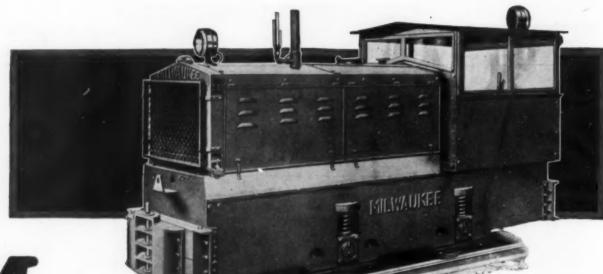
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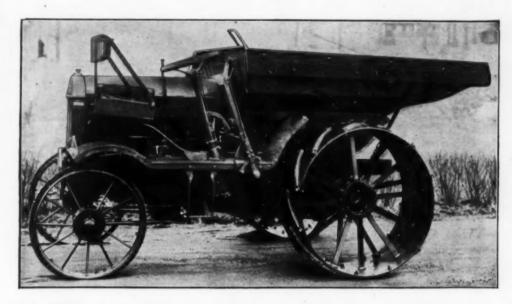
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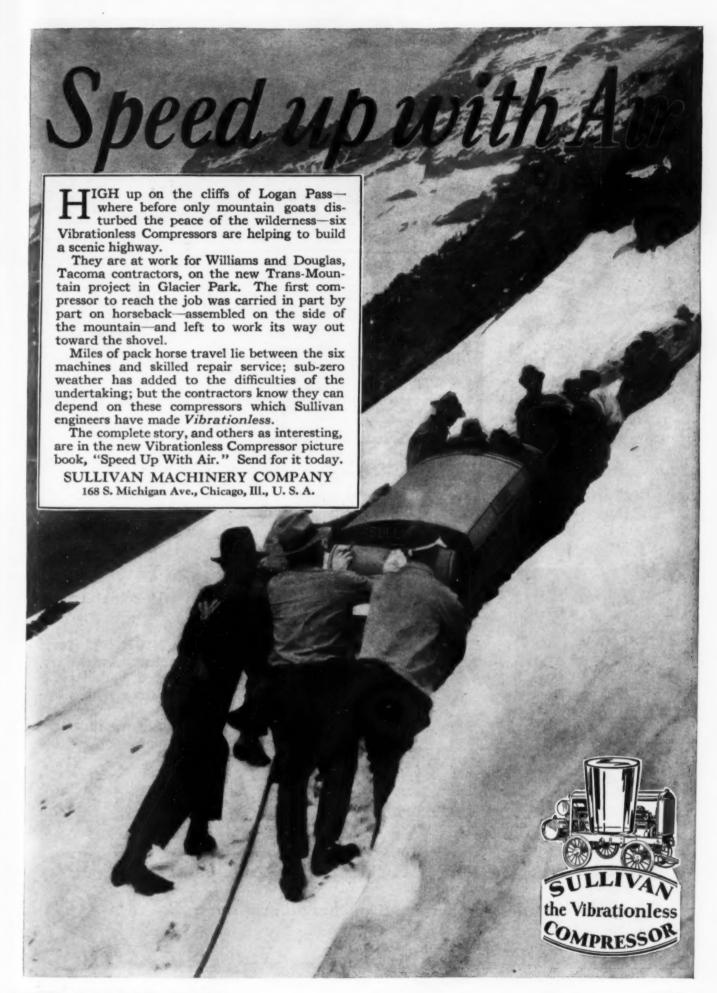
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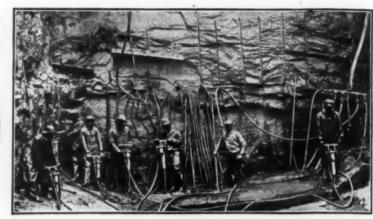


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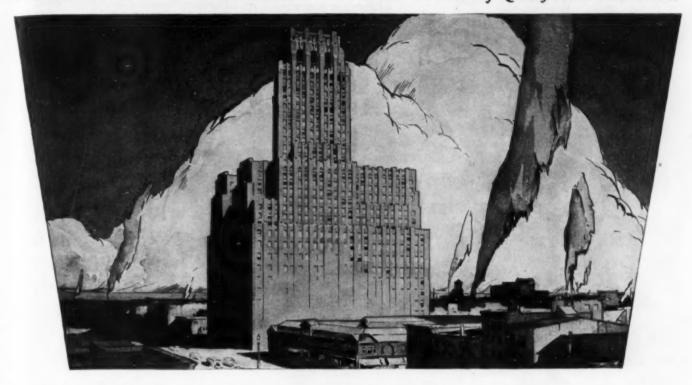
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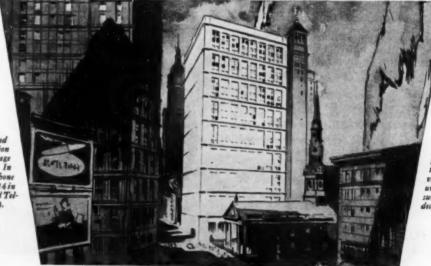
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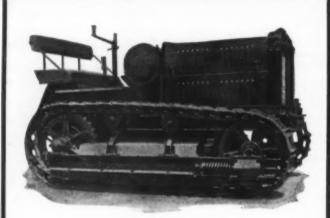
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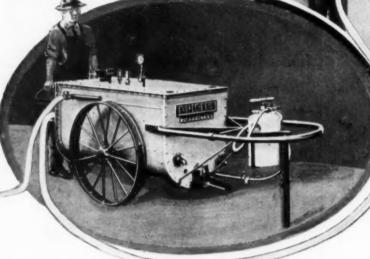
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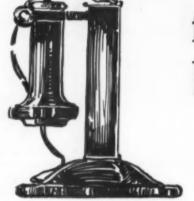
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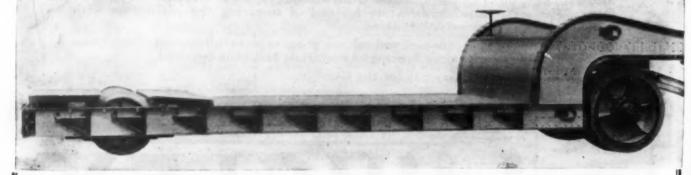
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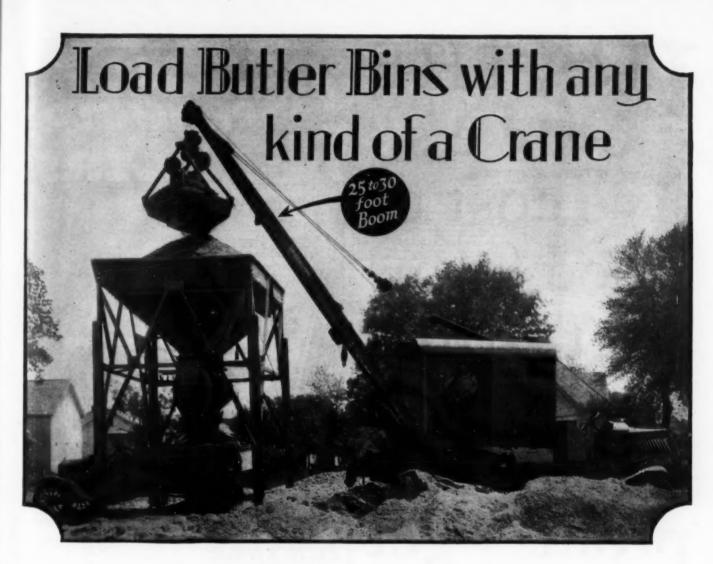
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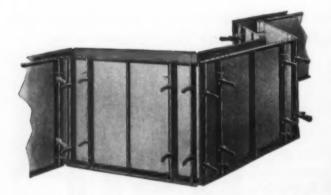
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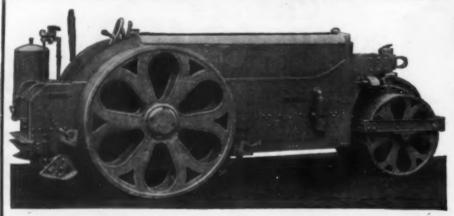




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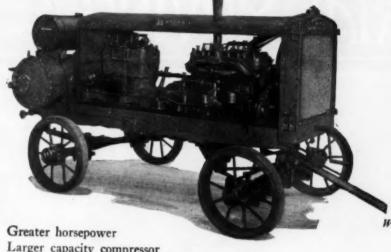
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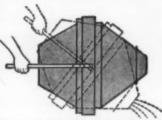


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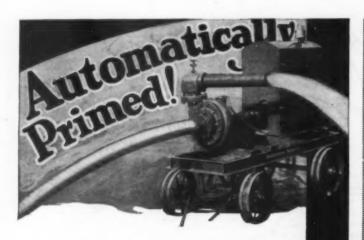
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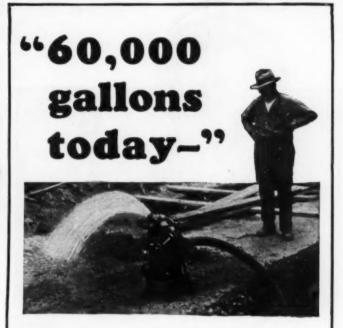
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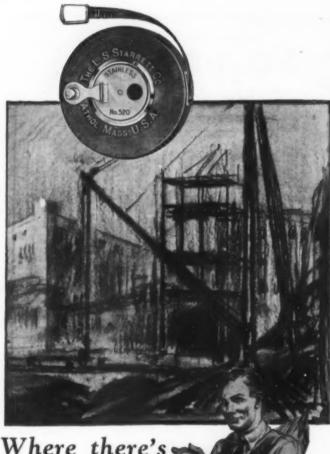
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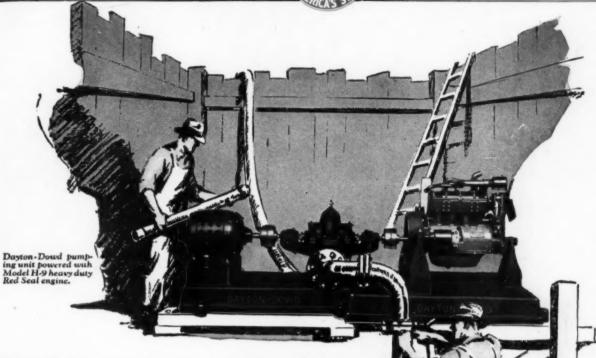
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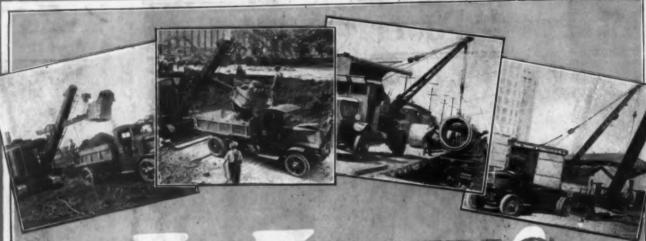
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